



Planning for Nebraska Public Libraries

WORKSHEET 2: COMMUNITY PROFILE

Population

Total population (# 1.12 from the 2019-2020 Nebraska Public Libraries Survey)	1,435,846
Population of legal service area (# 1.13)	1,595,049

For the following:

If the library service area includes the entire county, use county figures.

If the library service area includes only the municipality, or the municipality and a small area outside the municipality, use city figures.

from the American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates, Age and Sex – DP05	Number	% of Total Pop.
2019 ACS Estimates - Nebraska	1,914,571	100%
Age Under 5 years		6.9%
Age 5 - 9		6.9%
Age 10 - 14		6.9%
Age 15 - 19		6.8%
Age 20 - 24		7.1%
Age 25 - 34		13.3%
Age 35 - 44		12.4%
Age 45 - 54		11.7%
Age 55 - 59		6.5%
Age 60 - 64		6.2%
Age 65 - 74		8.6%
Age 75 - 84		4.5%
Age 85 and older		2.2%

Education

Population 3 years and over enrolled in school (S1401)		
2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates		
Population 3 years and older, enrolled in school	506,713	
Nursery school, preschool	34,414	
Kindergarten	26,755	
Elementary (grades 1-8)	206,354	
High school (grades 9-12)	103,972	
College and graduate school	135,218	
Educational Attainment, Pop.25 years + (S1501)		
Less than 9th grade		3.8%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma		4.8%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)		26.1%
Some college, no degree		22.8%
Associate's degree		10.6%

Bachelor's degree		21%
Graduate or professional degree		10.9%
Percent high school graduate or higher		91.4%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher		31.9%

List the schools in your community	approximate enrollments:
high schools	
jr. highs or middle schools	
elementary schools	

Describe the library/media facilities in the listed schools - are they adequate?	
List higher education institutions available (include extension services, distance education, etc.)	
What library services that they need are available to them?	

Language

2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates (S1601)		
Language Spoken at Home (Pop. 5 years +)		
English only		88.5%
Language other than English		11.5%
Spanish		7.5%
Other languages		4%

Work Life

From the American FactFinder table Comparative Economic Statistics (CP03)		
2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates		
Own children under 6 years	153,116	
All parents in family in labor force (% of above)		73.7%
Own children 6 to 17 years	299,392	

All parents in family in labor force (% of above)		79.3%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)		18.8

Household/Family Economics

Free and Reduced Lunch Counts by School (available at: https://www.education.ne.gov/dataservices/data-reports/ or this number may already be in your Technology Plan)	
2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates (S1901, CP03, S1701, and S1702)	
Average (mean) household income?	\$80,208
Median household income?	\$61,439
Unemployment rate?	3.3%
Percentage below poverty line?	7.2% (families) – 11.1% (all people)

Economic Characteristics

From the Economic Census, County Business Patterns (2019) (CB1600A11)	# establishments	# employees
Geography Area Series: County Business Patterns (Nebraska) – 2019		
Manufacturing	1,751	99,810
Wholesale trade	3,041	37,272
Retail trade	7,028	109,768
Information	932	9,203
Real estate and rental and leasing	2,399	11,916
Professional, scientific, and technical services	4,598	39,092
Administrative & support and waste management & remediation svcs	2,740	41,718
Educational services	584	18,969
Health care and social assistance	5,965	136,651
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	966	15,319
Accommodation and food services	4,610	79,241
Other services (except public administration)	5,792	36,675
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	193	1,428
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	115	1,053
Utilities	121	997
Construction	6,510	48,564
Transportation and warehousing	2,473	33,019
Finance and Insurance	4,328	69,265
Management of companies and enterprises	339	20,754
Industries not classified	88	125
Total for all sectors	54,573	824,446

Who are the major employers?

Cultural Characteristics of Your Community

Describe the cultural and recreational activities that are popular in your community.	
List the cultural and recreational facilities available (facilities include parks, pools, gyms, theatres, etc.	List the cultural and recreational organizations that are active groups including clubs:
List civic groups are active in your service area	What are their goals and interests and what services do they provide for residents?
What are your community's means for public communication - newspaper, radio, social media such as Facebook, etc.?	